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## CHARLES KOHLSAAT MAY BE APPOINTED MINISTER TO CHINA

Chicago Man Likely to Get the Important Post at Peking.

MUCH EXPERIENCE  
IN WORLD'S AFFAIRS

At Present He Holds Position As  
Director of South American  
Expositions.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

Charles W. Kohlsaatt, business man, traveler, student of foreign affairs, and promoter of expositions, may be the next American minister to China.

His friends are out hard at work to land the job for him, and among his friends and relatives there may be found an imposing amount of political influence and pull. Mr. Kohlsaatt is a cousin of Herman H. Kohlsaatt, of Chicago, who at one time owned the Chicago Times-Herald, and who is of great importance among the business men and politicians of Chicago. He is a cousin of Judge Kohlsaatt, of Chicago.

### EXPOSITION DIRECTOR.

Charles W. Kohlsaatt is at present director general of the American National Export Exposition in South America, an organization which has for its object the holding of many expositions in South America. His offices are in the Union Trust building here. He was director general of the Jamestown Exposition and foreign commissioner of the St. Louis and Portland expositions. He has traveled all around the world, and has spent much time in the Orient, familiarizing himself with the situation in the Far East.

Moreover, he is not as talkative a person as was Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, who was fired from the service a few days after he bought his steamboat ticket for China. Friends of Mr. Kohlsaatt say that in addition to his ability he will be perfectly able to maintain that cloister-like reticence which goes with the Chinese mission.

### Friend of Rulers.

This is not the first time that he has been on the threshold of the diplomatic service. During the Roosevelt Administration he was prominently mentioned for the post of minister to Stockholm, now held by Charles H. Graves, of Minnesota.

His travels and foreign work in connection with expositions have given him a wide acquaintance among the rulers of the world, and he is a close friend of King Oscar of Sweden. Earlier in life, Mr. Kohlsaatt had a thorough business training in the importing business in New York and later was a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Among his backers for the post of minister to China have been mentioned former Gov. David Francis of Missouri, several United States Senators, and the friends and followers of H. H. Kohlsaatt of Chicago. These men have made strong representations of the fitness of their candidate for the place, although he himself has not yet come out for the post.

He refused today to discuss the matter. Nothing regarding it could be learned at the State Department, but it is known that he is being considered by the Administration as extremely suitable for the mission, which is regarded as the most important diplomatic post under the United States Government.

The man who goes to China as the American minister will have something to do besides attend dinners and splash in the social pool. He will find his hands full of business problems, not to mention the task of keeping up with what Japan is doing in the way of biting off all the chunks of China's powers that are lying around loose.

## WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Fair tonight and Friday; colder to night; moderate northwesterly winds.

### TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m.	45
9 a. m.	46
10 a. m.	47
11 a. m.	48
12 m.	47
1 p. m.	47
2 p. m.	48

### SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	6:22
Sun sets	5:05

### TIDE TABLE.

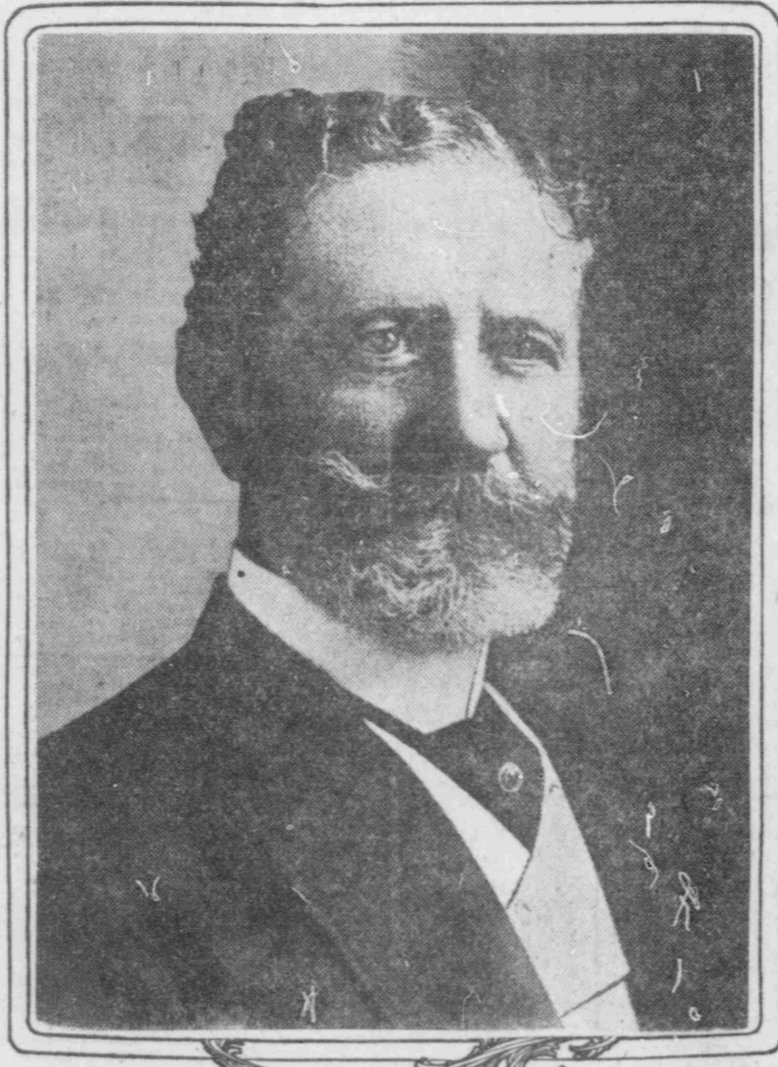
Today—High tide, 7:20 a. m. and 7:35 p. m.	Low tide, 1:26 a. m. and 1:39 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 8:10 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.	Low tide, 2:15 a. m. and 2:28 p. m.

### CONDITION OF THE WATER.

HARPER FERRY, W. Va., Oct. 28.—Both rivers cloudy this morning.

Palings Dressed, Headed, \$2 per 100. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave. —Adv.

## May Become Diplomat



CHARLES W. KOHLSAAT.

## BALTIMORE OFFICER COMMITTS SUICIDE

Deputy Ends His Life With  
Bullet In Sheriff's  
Office.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 28.—Charles A. Bichy, forty-eight years old, 78 George street, a deputy sheriff, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head in the sheriff's office in the court house this morning.

Less than a week ago his brother, John Bichy, was found drowned in the harbor. The death of his brother, who had been an inmate of Bayview Asylum, preyed on the deputy's mind to such an extent that it is believed to be responsible for the deed.

Bichy fired the fatal shot shortly before 9 o'clock, after he attended to his morning's work. A charwoman heard a sound, but paid no attention to it. The sheriff's office is across the corridor from police headquarters, and Marshal Farnham himself went to the scene. The man was still breathing, and though the motor ambulance made a hurried run, death came before medical attention could be secured.

Bichy leaves a family. He had a good record as an officer, and had been in the office since December 5, 1907.

## WOMAN ATTEMPTS TO STOP VOTING

English Suffragette Tries to Destroy Ballots With Acid.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—With the idea that if women cannot enjoy the ballot, the ballot should be enjoyed by no one, Mrs. Chapin, a suffragette, today attempted to destroy the ballots in an election booth at the Brompton election by smashing a bottle of corrosive acid upon the ballot box, and throwing the contents about the booth. The ballots were not injured.

## PRESIDENTIAL FLEET IS MAKING UP TIME

Best Speed Being Held, and No Stop Will Be Made Until Vicksburg, So There Is Hope of Getting to New Orleans on Time.

HELENA, Ark., Oct. 28.—President Taft and his party will spend today on the go.

Barring accidents there will be no stop until the fleet, headed by the Oleaner, reaches Vicksburg, 235 miles below Helena. The stop is scheduled for 3 o'clock this afternoon, but the Oleaner left here late and no landing is likely to be made before dusk.

Helena was reached two hours late last night and the program was carried out without Governor Donaghey, whose boat, the Gray Eagle, was beached ten miles above Helena on account of a break-down.

The fleet arrived here in sections. The Oleaner, anxious to keep up the schedule, left the other vessels astern in the down river chase and arrived long before the others.

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## LAWSON MENTIONED AS NEXT GOVERNOR

Third Assistant Postmaster  
May Go to New  
Mexico.

A. L. Lawson, Third Assistant Postmaster General, who recently tendered his resignation on account of the condition of his health, is likely to be the new governor of New Mexico.

Governor Curry has finally resigned "in order to be able to give his entire attention to private interests," but, as is well known, following a season of strenuous differences with the Interior Department concerning his administration. It has been understood for some time that Curry would go, and the Lawson movement has been handled by the Indiana friends of Mr. Lawson, and that the only uncertainty relates to whether he will feel his health will permit him to assume the duties.

## WORKS SICK HORSE, MUST PAY PENALTY

Channing Edwards Fined Five Dollars for Not Heeding Warning.

For continuing to work a spavined horse after he had been warned to let the animal rest, Channing Edwards today was fined \$5 in the Police Court, by Judge Mulwain.

The testimony of the humane officer who caused the arrest was to the effect that it was one of the most flagrant cases of inhumanity to a dumb beast he had ever witnessed.

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## MUELLER IS GIVEN THE "THIRD DEGREE" BY ISLIP CORONER

Wife Slayer Sullenly Refuses To Confess to Other Crimes.

SERVED NINE YEARS  
IN SING SING PRISON

Prisoner Believed to Be Member of  
International "Marrying  
Band."

ISLIP, L. I., Oct. 28.—Coroner Savage, of Suffolk county, with representatives of the district attorney's office and a stenographer, is giving Frederick Gebhardt, alias Otto Mueller, a real "third degree" examination today, endeavoring to have him clear up his early life and explain what he meant when he declared to the coroner last night that he had killed three other women besides Anna Luther and wanted to "make a clean breast of it." Gebhardt, after making that statement, seemed to regret it, and, although pressed for some time, stubbornly refused to say anything more.

The coroner is working in conjunction with the New York police, and firmly believes that he has in his custody one of the most remarkable criminals ever arrested.

### His Record.

It is his opinion, from what he has already learned in the course of his investigations, that the prisoner is a member of an international band, the members of which make a practice of marrying women for a consideration, robbing and deserting them.

The band, according to the coroner, found most of its victims among the immigration servant girls, who save their wages, only to lose them when they try to exchange them for a husband and a home.

Mueller professed to be greatly surprised when informed the authorities had learned of his sentence on May 11, 1896, to Sing Sing prison for robbery and perjury. The robbery consisted of stealing \$340 from Lena Wessner, of Brooklyn, whom he had promised to marry, and the perjury charge resulted from his swearing that he had not married a woman in Germany several years before, which statement was proven false.

### Served Nine Years.

For this he served nine years in Sing Sing prison and it was through a comparison of his Bertillon records after his arrest last Monday with those on record at police headquarters in New York that his identity was established.

The similarity between the Wessner and the Luther woman's cases leads the local authorities to believe that when Gebhardt's record is uncovered it will be found that he had many victims.

They believe that he robbed and that he could get the money from without a ceremony, and where the ceremony was performed, he put his victim out of the way if she proved troublesome.

They have their belief of the statement of Gebhardt's Astoria wife that, when she refused to let him go, that were in her name over to him, he beat her terribly and told her that he would kill her.

Strike a Snag.

The authorities struck a snag, however, when they tried to get Gebhardt to talk today. He insisted that he did not mean to be understood as declaring that he killed three wives.

As a matter of fact, he insisted, he has been married but twice, once to his Astoria wife and the second time to Anna Luther in Newark. He declared that he told the entire truth in his original confession, and that anything that might be attributed to him was a lie.

The authorities do not believe him. The New York detectives will try to trace Gebhardt's movements from the time he came to this country.

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